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SUBJ: RSA/OHDS/DHEW/SFCP - FOLLOW-UP BY DR. MARTIN E. MCCAVITT,
SPECIAL ASSTT FOR INTL ACTIVITIES, OFFICIAL VISIT TO
PAKISTAN

1. DR. MCCAVITT MET WITH A NUMBER OF GOP OFFICIALS AND PROJECT DIRECTORS INCLUDING LT. GEN. A. N. ANSARI, SECRETARY HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE; DR. AMIR ALI SHAH, D. G. HEALTH; MR. BASHIR AHMED, DEPUTY SECRETARY, SOCIAL WELFARE; MR. MAN-ZOOR AHMAD SHEIKH, SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY; AND DR. SIRAJUL HAQ MAHMOOD, CHIEF, HEALTH SECTION, PLANNING DIVISION, AS WELL AS DR. M.A.Z. MOHIUDDIN, CHAIRMAN PMRC AND DR. JAVED HASHMI, DIRECTOR PMRC.

2. STATUS OF PENDING PROJECTS HAS BEEN DISCUSSED, AS WELL AS POLICY AND PLANNING RELATING TO THE FIVE YEAR PLAN. ALL GOP OFFICIALS VOICED AN INTEREST AS WELL AS APPARENT DESIRE AND WEILLINGNESS TO DEVELOP STRONG COOPERATIVE EFFORTS WITH SFCP PROGRAM WITH HEALTH AND REHABILITATION. SECRETARY HEALTH EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO RSA FOR PAST SUPPORT AND EXPRESSED NEED TO SET GUIDELINES, ETC., THROUGH PRIORITIES ESTABLISHED (IN HEALTH AND REHABILITATION) BY PMRC UNDER SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGICAL DIVISION BUT ALSO INDICATED THAT THEY (HEALTH) MUST HAVE SOME
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FLEXIBILITY AND COULD DEVIATE FROM SET PRIORITIES IF
EXCEPTIONAL PROGRAMS CAN BE JUSTIFIED.

3. SECRETARY S AND T SHEIKH AND DR. MOHIUDDIN, CHAIRMAN PMRC, EXPRESSED NEW WILLINGNESS AND INTEREST IN STRENGTHENING PMRC ROLE AS COORDINATING BODY FOR MEDICAL AND HEALTH PROJECTS, INCLUDING REHABILITATION, AFTER

MORE THAN TWO YEAR'S OF INDECISION. QUESTION WILL HAVE TO BE ANSWERED AS TO "CONTROL VS. COORDINATION" INCLUDING FUNDING AND MONITORING OF PROJECTS. DR. MCCAVITT WILL MEET AGAIN WITH DR. MOHIUDDIN AND POSSIBLY SECRETARY S AND T IN LAHORE FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATION.

4. MCCAVITT BELIEVES FURTHER THINKING AND PLANNING MUST BE MADE ON PAK SIDE AND RSA CAN BE HELPFUL IN PROVIDING EXPERT ASSISTANCE AND INFORMATION DURING THIS PERIOD, AND IT IS FEASIBLE THAT SEMINAR OR "WORKSHOP" AS PLANNED EARLIER MAY BE RECONSIDERED UNDER NEW THINKING AND PERSONNEL THAT ARE NOW ASSUMING LEAD RESPONSIBILITY. HE IS REQUESTING THAT THE GOP OFFICIALS SPELL OUT ASSISTANCE NEEDED AND NATURE OF ROLE/RESPONSIBILITIES OF PMRC AS NOW BEING CONCEIVED.
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